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STATE ANNOUNCES AWARDS TOTALING \$125,000 TO SUPPORT RESEARCH ON GREAT SALT LAKE

Salt Lake City, Utah – The Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands is announcing \$125,000 in funding available for research projects that will assist the division in becoming better informed stewards of the Great Salt Lake. The Division is seeking research proposals that address one or more of the four “hot topics” identified by the Great Salt Lake Technical Team: effects of a drying lake; assessing habitat quality; effects of diking; and mercury. Applicant eligibility includes federal, state, tribal and local governments, communities, businesses, universities, colleges, and non-profit organizations. Applicants may apply for up to \$75,000 for any single project.

The Great Salt Lake Technical Team expects this Request for Proposal to generate a meaningful increase in the body of knowledge about the Lake. The lake is a complex, dynamic ecosystem that state officials are trying to understand, from the algae in the lake to the lake effect of our local weather. The funding comes mostly from mineral royalties received through extractive industries that use the brines of Great Salt Lake. For more information contact Dave Grierson at the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands at 801 538 5504 or visit the website: <http://www.gsltechteam.utah.gov>.

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